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SYSTEM, METHOD OF
PRODUCTION OF SAME, AND
MOLD FOR PRODUCTION OF
SAME

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT IN PAPER NO. 07

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in full and timely response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed on
February 25, 2003, (Paper No. 07) for which 30 days were allotted for reply.

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In the prior reply to a requirement for an election of invention, the Applicant, through

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the undersigned, overlooked electing a species of the elected invention of Group I. There,
the Applicant had elected the claims of Group I, having claims 1 to 18, 52 to 70, 99 to 102;
and 112 to 114 as grouped by the Examiner. But, referring to page 5 of the original
Requirement for an Election of Invention January 8, 2003, the examiner had contended that
Group I, if elected, contained Group 1a (Claims 1 to 18); Group 1b (claims 52 to 70); and
Group 1c (claims 112 to 114).

The Applicant, through its representatives and its attorneys, hereby respectfully elects with traverse the species of Group 1a, having claims 1 to 18. A new look at whether claim 1 is or can be made generic to claims 52 and 112 is thus in order. The Examiner had indicated that currently no claim is generic; thus, the Applicant reserves the right to attempt to amend claims of the elected group and species to be generic.

The error in overlooking the requirement for an election of species in addition to the election of invention in the Action of January 8, 2003 is regretted.

Respectfully submitted,



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